

STUDENT LABOR POSITION DESCRIPTION
(SENS)
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Position Title: Student SENS House Director

Must work 15 hrs/wk.

I. Grade Level: 4 - 5

II. Description:

A. The following are the essential duties for a SENS House Director in the SENS Program:

1. Develop and implement educational programs – workshops, classes, demonstrations, ecovillage tours – sustainable living and ecological design for the campus and wider community.
2. Conduct orientation and continuing education programs for Ecovillage residents in collaboration with Ecovillage Community Assistants.
3. Conduct pre-school environmental education programs in collaboration with Child Development Laboratory staff.
4. Maintain a resource library and website on sustainable living and ecological design.
5. Monitor, assess, and report on the ecological performance of the Ecovillage, SENS House, and Berea car
6. Routine operation and monitoring of the Ecovillage Living Machine.
7. Oversight and educational programming related to the ecovillage gardens and permaculture food forest
8. Performs other job-related duties as assigned.

B. The following are *possible additional* duties for this position:

1. Students selected to be Resident SENS House Directors will live in the SENS House.

The following stipulations apply to Grade 5 positions:

- Student must have exhibited an interest and skill in the development, improvement, and evaluation of SENS House policies and procedures
- Student will assume additional responsibilities for training and supervision of other SENS House Directors
- Student must have at least one year's experience as a SENS House Director.
- Student will represent the SENS House in all relevant ecovillage and campus governance processes.

III. Learning Opportunities:

- A.** Will learn or demonstrate the attributes listed on the "Outline of Berea's Labor and Learning Progressions" this job's grade level and all levels below it as published in *the Berea College Student Labor Program Policies and Procedures Manual*.
- B.** Learn and apply a variety of teaching methods.
- C.** Increase knowledge of sustainability issues and ecological design.
- D.** Participation in ecovillage governance processes.

IV. Basic Qualifications:

- A. General: Ability to function independently and show initiative in solving complex problems; comfortable with experiential learning (learning by doing)
- B. Skill: Ability to communicate well and interact with students, faculty, staff, and the general public; able to organize workshops, class modules, and other educational activities.
- C. Physical: Mobile, able to lift 25 pounds
- D. Academic: SENS 100 or equivalent
- E. Resident SENS House Directors must have sophomore or higher standing.

V. Desirable Qualifications:

- A. Facility with computer word processing, website design and management, and power point.
- B. Knowledge of ecological design, green architecture, gardening.
- C. SENS minor or independent major in SENS.

VI. Narrative summary

The SENS House will be an ecologically-designed residential and teaching facility constructed as part of the Berea College ecovillage. Six students – the SENS House directors -- will operate from the SENS House while developing and implementing educational programs for the campus and community. Four of the directors will live in the SENS House. Some of the student directors will begin conducting educational programs on ecological design and sustainable living prior to the construction of the SENS House. SENS House directors will have considerable responsibility and independence in designing and implementing an educational program.